

**About TCDD:** The Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities (TCDD) draws from the principles identified in the Federal Developmental Disabilities Act (Public Law 106–402) in evaluating and responding to current and future policy issues that impact the developmental disabilities (DD) community. **TCDD invests its funds on promising practices that advance the inclusion of people with DD in all facets of community life by eliminating barriers, creating opportunities, and promoting innovation.**

2019 Public Policy Priority:

### **Home and Community-based Services (HCBS)**

Reduce the number of people on HCBS waiver interest lists by providing adequate Medicaid funding to enable appropriate placements in waiver programs. Ensuring the availability, timeliness, and quality of services and supports in integrated community settings reduces reliance on costly institutional services.

### **TCDD Investments & Impact: HCBS**

TCDD's recent project investments to build capacity to improve the system in Texas:

- **East Texas [Community Healthcare]:** This project worked to build community capacity by increasing local capacity to provide community-based services that decrease the need for individuals with disabilities to be admitted to an institution. The project focuses on person- and family-centered healthcare services, behavioral supports, and respite for people with DD.
- **West Texas [Volar Center for Independent Living]:** This network has systematically examined El Paso County's services and supports for all individuals with disabilities to identify the area's strengths, needs, and gaps in services. The network prioritizes strengthening community support through new services that address targeted issues.

### **Other 2019 Public Policy Priorities:**

- Community Attendant Rates and Wages
- Accessible Parking
- Most Integrated, Person-Centered Setting
- Employment First
- Accessible Transportation
- Health Care

**More Information:** To learn more about TCDD's public policy priorities for the 86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, contact Scott Daigle, Public Policy Director, at [scott.daigle@tcdd.texas.gov](mailto:scott.daigle@tcdd.texas.gov) or (512) 437-5417.